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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, LI

SUBJECT: GOL READY TO ACCEPT RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION

1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON JUNE 13 TO INFORM ME OF HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN DENNIS CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN MONROVIA. DENNIS RECALLED THAT WHILE GOL DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA TAKEN AND ANNOUNCED OVER A YEAR AGO, ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE. DENNIS INDICATED THAT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WAS NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE MONROVIA OVER COMING WEEKEND, PRESUMABLY TO BE HEADED BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO TOGO. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR ANTICIPATES THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED BETWEEN GOL AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT IN MONROVIA AND PYONGYANG THAT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE EXCHANGED ON A SPECIFIED DATE.

2. KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAID ROK HAS NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING ITS MISSION. HE SAID DENNIS, IN EXPLAINING GOL POSITION, ARGUED NECESSITY FOR GOL TO ALIGN ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH NON-ALIGNED GROUP, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN NATIONS. DENNIS CLAIMED GOL COULD GIVE ROK MORE SUPPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN  
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NON-ALIGNED GROUP IF LIBERIA HAD RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES.

KOREAN AMBASSADOR NOT FULLY CONVINCED BY THIS ARGUMENT.

3. KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD OFFERED ECONOMIC OR OTHER ASSISTANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR RESIDENT REPRESENTATION BUT HE ASSUMED THIS WAS THE CASE. HE OBSERVED THAT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THE GAMBIA, KENYA AND GABON HAD AGREED TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WITH NORTH KOREA AND HE DID NOT SEE HOW ROK COULD INDUCE GOL TO FURTHER DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN MONROVIA.  
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